

**Summary of Clinical Evaluations for Possible Anthrax Disease,  
DC/MD/VA:  
November 7, 2001 9:00**

No. of Patients	<b>Current Assessment of Patients</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Confirmed cases</b>  Clinically compatible case of anthrax that is - laboratory confirmed by isolation of <i>B. anthracis</i> from an affected tissue or site  OR  Other laboratory evidence of <i>B. anthracis</i> infection based on at least two supportive laboratory tests</p>
<b>0</b>	<p><b>Suspected cases</b>  <b>Clinical with supportive laboratory evidence (without known exposure)</b>  Clinically compatible case of illness without isolation of <i>B. anthracis</i> and no alternative diagnosis, but with laboratory evidence of <i>B. anthracis</i> by one supportive laboratory test    OR  <b>Clinical without supportive laboratory evidence (with known exposure)</b>  A clinically compatible case of anthrax epidemiologically linked to a confirmed environmental exposure, but without corroborative laboratory evidence of <i>B. anthracis</i> infection.</p>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Clinical illness warranting further precautionary investigation</b>    Clinical illness with some features that could suggest anthrax, but is not a suspected case. These cases are being evaluated with further testing and/or follow-up to rule out anthrax disease.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Low suspicion</b>    Patients with potential anthrax exposure who have a clinical illness with features that suggest it is most likely not anthrax-related, but are still under evaluation.</p>
<b>160</b>	<p><b>No apparent anthrax disease</b>    Patients with potential anthrax exposure who have been clinically evaluated and appear to have no current anthrax disease.</p>

\*For CDC case definition of confirmation see: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>  
CDC. Update: Investigation of Anthrax Associated with Intentional Exposure and Interim Public Health Guidelines, October 2001. MMWR 2001;50(41):889—893

